

DISPATCH

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CLASSIFICATION

PROCESSING ACTION

TO	CHIEF OF STATION, SAIGON	XX	MARKED FOR INDEXING
INFO			NO INDEXING REQUIRED
FROM	CHIEF, FAR EAST DIVISION		ONLY QUALIFIED DESK CAN JUDGE INDEXING
SUBJECT	VIETNAM ORIENTATION SEMINARS		
ACTION REQUIRED REFERENCES			

1. FORWARDED UNDER SEPARATE COVER /VIA [REDACTED] 25X1A
IS A COPY OF THE PROPOSED AGENDA FOR THE UPCOMING VIETNAM
ORIENTATION SEMINAR NUMBER FOUR. THIS SEMINAR IS SCHEDULED
TO BEGIN 23 FEBRUARY AND WILL LAST FOR APPROXIMATELY FIVE
WORKING DAYS.

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2. AS DISCUSSED WITH [REDACTED], THESE SEMINARS HAVE BEEN
RUNNING SINCE NOVEMBER OF LAST YEAR, AND THE ENCLOSED SCHEDULE
REPRESENTS A MODIFICATION AND REORGANIZATION OF THE SEMINAR BASED
ON EXPERIENCE GAINED IN THE PREVIOUS THREE SESSIONS. AS
MENTIONED TO [REDACTED], WE FEEL THAT THE STATION SHOULD HAVE
AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE SEMINAR AGENDA AS TO SUBJECT
MATTER AND PERSONALITIES INVOLVED. WITH THIS IN MIND, WE
WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF SAIGON WOULD REVIEW THE ENCLOSED AGENDA
WITH THE THOUGHT TOWARD MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO ANY CHANGES
OR MODIFICATIONS THAT MIGHT BE INCORPORATED INTO THE NEXT SEMINAR
WHICH WILL BEGIN ON OR ABOUT 14 MARCH.

3. WE FEEL THAT THE SEMINAR AND THE PRESENTATION OF
SAME HAS BEEN A WORTHWHILE CORNERSTONE IN OUR EFFORTS TO
INDOCTRINATE PERSONNEL BEING ASSIGNED TO VIETNAM. THEREFORE,
WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF THE STATION COULD GIVE SOME ATTENTION
TO THE ENCLOSED SCHEDULE AND OFFER COMMENTS AS TO CONTENT AND
THRUST. FURTHER TO THIS EFFORT, WE WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT
THE STATION ATTEMPT TO CANVASS THOSE PERSONNEL WHO ARE NOW IN
VIETNAM WHO HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO THE PREVIOUS THREE SEMINARS.
IN ESSENCE, WHAT WE SEEK IS AN EVALUATION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT
THE COURSE WAS WORTHWHILE, AND IF NOT, WHY NOT. SOME OF THE
PERSONNEL WHO WENT TO THE FIRST AND PERHAPS THE SECOND COURSE
NOW HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO REFLECT ON THE CONTENT OF SAME,
AND TO MAKE SOME EVALUATION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE EFFORT
WAS WORTHWHILE. WE FEEL THAT THIS CANVASSING EXERCISE WOULD
HELP THE STATION IN ITS ATTEMPT TO EVALUATE THE COURSE AND ITS
CONTENT. HOPEFULLY, THE WHOLE SEMINAR PROGRAM HAS BEEN WORTH-
WHILE. IF THE STATION AND THE PERSONNEL WHO HAVE BEEN EXPOSED

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TO THE COURSE FEEL THAT THE EXERCISE HAS BEEN A WASTE OF TIME, WE WILL THEN CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF DROPPING THE COURSE OR AT LEAST RE-VAMPING IT. FROM WHERE WE STAND, HOWEVER, AND FROM SOME OF THE CRITIQUES WE HAVE RECEIVED ON THE COURSE, WE FEEL THAT THE EFFORT HAS BEEN WORTH THE TIME AND THAT THE PERSONNEL INVOLVED HAVE INDEED GAINED SOMETHING OF AN INSIGHT INTO VIETNAM AND THE STATION'S OPERATIONAL EFFORTS.

4. IF APPROPRIATE, THE STATION MAY FEEL THAT THIS PROPOSAL AND THE SEPARATE VIETNAMESE LANGUAGE TRAINING PROPOSAL WOULD BE SUITABLE FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH [REDACTED] DURING THEIR UPCOMING [REDACTED] - 4935/ VIETNAM.

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